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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Two Suspects Charged With Sending False Threats

(U) Two computer hackers have been charged with sending false bomb and mass shooting threats to hundreds of schools in Britain and the United States, according to a federal indictment. The defendants are members of the Apophis Squad, a worldwide collective of computer hackers intent on using the internet to sow chaos, the indictment says. A 20-year-old suspect of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was arrested yesterday by FBI agents. A 19-year-old suspect of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, is currently serving a prison sentence in Britain for making a hoax threat targeting an airliner.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, NBC News

(U) San Diego – Suspect Shoots at Building with Assault-Style Weapon

(U) One person was detained yesterday after they reportedly shot at a restaurant in Hillcrest. The individual fired approximately 20 rounds at the Golden Dragon Asian Bistro near the intersection of Fourth Avenue and University Boulevard, and then calmly walked away according to the San Diego Police Department. Witnesses say the shooter used what looked like an assault-style weapon. No injuries were reported and the suspect's motive is unknown.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, NBC San Diego

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) New Mexico – 311 Migrants Arrested At New Mexico Border Crossing

(U) Sunland Park – A group of 311 migrants were arrested after they made their way around a pedestrian fence in Sunland Park, according to authorities. The group was discovered by agents from the Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station yesterday before midnight local time. The agents were working near Mt. Cristo Rey when they saw about 311 individuals walking around the pedestrian fence. The agents took the group into custody and transported them to the Santa Teresa Border Patrol Station for processing. The group included Central American families and unaccompanied juveniles. SOURCE: 12 February 2019, Sacramento Bee

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - White Supremacist Gang Members Charged in RICO Case

(U) Washington – Members of a white supremacist gang have been charged by the Department of Justice in a RICO case for allegedly committing multiple acts of violence. The charges against members of the New Aryan Empire (NAE) were filed last week. NAE is a white supremacist organization based in Arkansas that started as a prison gang before expanding. It was formed in 1990 to "preserve the Caucasian race." The DOJ alleges that members of the group committed acts of violence, including attempted murder and kidnapping.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, The Hill

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(U) Ohio – Two Militia Members Face Charges Involving Explosive Devices

(U) Cincinnati – A federal grand jury has indicted two members of an Ohio militia group on charges involving explosive devices. The federal indictment charges 37-year-old Ryan King, of Franklin, and 53-year-old Randy Goodman, of Ripley, with conspiracy to possess a destructive device in violation of the National Firearms Act and possession of an unregistered destructive device. The men established the United Sheepdogs of Ohio militia group subset they referred to as the "Special Projects Team" and advocated the team construct and use explosives.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, US News and World Report

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia - Bombs Damage Oil Pipelines

(U) Bogota – Colombian state-run oil company Ecopetrol reported two bomb attacks on its pipelines yesterday, the first caused a fire at the Mansoya Orito pipeline, while the second damaged the Cano Limon pipeline, spilling crude into a nearby ravine. The Mansoya Orito, close to the border with Ecuador, was hit overnight. It was not operating during the attack, according to state officials. The 45-mile pipeline has capacity to transport about 24,000 barrels of crude daily. The company did not say who was responsible for either attack, but National Liberation Army rebels are active in both areas and frequently bomb oil infrastructure.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, Reuters

(U) India – Hackers Put Data from 617 Million Accounts on Sale on Dark Web

(U) New Delhi – Account details of 617 million accounts from 16 websites including popular sites such as Dubsmash, MyFitnessPal, and ShareThis have been put on sale by hackers on the dark web, according to open-source reporting. The information includes details such as names of account holders, their passwords, and their email address. The information is purportedly available for less than \$20,000 in Bitcoin. Some of the websites, including Animoto, MyHeritage, and MyFitnessPal, were aware about the security breaches on their platforms and had informed their users beforehand about the matter. SOURCE: 13 February 2019, India Today

(U) Spain – National Police Detain Suspected ISIS Supporter, Recruiter

(U) Ceuta – A 44-year-old man was detained by Spanish national police yesterday in Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta on charges of indoctrinating young people into jihadism and supporting ISIS, according to open-source reporting. Police confirmed that the arrested man already had a long and violent criminal record. He became indoctrinated into jihadism after being sent to prison in 2001. On searching his home, police discovered a computer with videos of jihadist violence and material to be shared with others with the aim of persuading them to join ISIS.

SOURCE: 12 February 2019, Xinhuanet

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